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August 15, 2008

Ms. Yvonne Burke, Chairperson
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street, Ste 383
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Chairperson Burke:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture granted a Secretarial disaster designation for the county of **Kern** and the contiguous counties of **Inyo, Kings, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare** and **Ventura** beginning October 15, 2007, and continuing.

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services is providing the enclosed information regarding this designation. Please inform potential applicants throughout your county of this designation and information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karma Hackney".

KARMA HACKNEY
Program Manager

Enclosure

- c: Los Angeles County OES
Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner
California Department of Food and Agriculture
Deputy Director, Regional Operations
OES Regional Administrator

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Designation USDA #S2730 - Drought

Designation Information

The following table illustrates the designation information.

Eligible Primary County(s):	Kern
Eligible Contiguous County(s):	Inyo, Kings, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare, Ventura
Event:	Drought beginning October 15, 2007, and continuing
Assistance made available by designation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency farm loans for actual losses as a direct result of the disaster• Up to a maximum of \$500,000• Interest rate 3.75 percent
Application deadline:	April 13, 2009
Who may apply:	Farmers and ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations
How to apply:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office listed in the local telephone directory under U.S. Government, Agriculture• Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD)
USDA website for additional information:	www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistance1.htm